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Rescue Squad Called During Fire

One of the firemen fighting Sunday's blaze at the old golf course, doubled as Rescue Squad driver to take firemen Herman Carter to a physician. Mr. Carter was treated and released and the Appomattox volunteers went immediately to another fire call at Pete Guill's house wherea blaze caused some damage. The fire company's smoke ejector was used to clear the house of smoke. On Friday, Feb. 13 firemen were called to put out a fire in a trash pile at the trailer park on Route 24, east of Appomattox. The following Tuesday they put out a furnace fire in a mobile home and used the smoke ejector to clear the home. Saturday morning one pumper and a tanker responded to a call from Frank Moore where a bulldozer engine had caught fire.

COUNTY LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Mann and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Paskonek, of Fort Leq Va., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Mann and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Paskonek were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann and Ryland.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coutney Mann Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Tharman Mann, of Phoenix, Mr. and Mrs. Tona Childress, of Lynchburg, and Donnie Jones and Miss Sharon Fowler, of Appomattox.

Dinner and supper guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Nash were Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann and boys, Lloyd Nash, Amy Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Howard, Mr. and Mrs. George Nash and Cheryl.

Mr. Cecil Nash spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Nash.

Mr. Cecil Nash and Amy Evans visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Howard Sunday night.

Mrs. Shirley Kerr, Dawn and Mrs. Fannie Kerr visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Nash Sunday afternoon, also Mrs. Henry Mann, Mrs. Carroll Mann and Mrs. Edward Paskonek, visited in this home.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Nash is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann and Ryland.

Mrs. Milton Nash and Mrs. Henry Mann visited Mrs. Sam Cyrus in Liberty Nursing Home Monday afternoon.

Birthdays

Walter Raason	Mar 1
Brenda Nash	Mar 4
Christine Dickerson	Mar 6
Fannie Terry	Mar 8
Elsie Mae Rye	Mar 8
Stella Price	Mar 11
Olivia Isabell	Mar 12
Mrs S. C. Ranson	Mar 16
Becky Jennings	Mar 17
Alice Taylor	Mar 20
Clara Powell	Mar 20
Leslie Scruggs	Mar 21
Richard Inge	Mar 21
Johnny Roach	Mar 22
Audrey Almond	Mar 22
Diane Inge	Mar 25
Lizzie Robinson	Mar 25
Cassie Baldwin	Mar 26
Ruth Eaton	Mar 26
E. M. Almond	Mar 27
Linda Lee Martin	Mar 28
Thomas Joy Martin	Mar 28
Irene Garlinghouse	Mar 30
Clara Garrette	Mar 31

Dial Good News
352-7900

Letters To The Editor

Appomattox Chamber of Comm.
Appomattox, VA.

Gentlemen:

This past summer my family and I visited your town on our way to Norfolk. We saw the old Village of Appomattox, the battle fields, and the Confederate Monuments. We also saw and took pictures of various old houses. One of these was directly across from the New Courthouse. It is a huge house, and could easily be classified as a mansion. It is a white house with three full stories. The second floor has balconies across the front. It also has two side verandas, one on the east and one on the west side. The columns have lots of beautiful scrill work. The house is surrounded by a fine hedge. My questions are these:

1. Is this house of historic value?
2. Who owns it?
3. Is it referred to as or by a certain name?
4. Approximately how old is this house?
5. When we visited your town this past August, the house was empty, is it still empty now?

The reason that I am asking you these questions is that I am very interested in the Civil War period and anything that is connected with it. I also love old houses and this one was so beautiful, that I just had to learn more about it. I hope you will be able to give me the answers to these questions with out too much trouble on your part. Thank you for any help you may be able to give me.

Yours very truly
Becky Petrie (Miss)

P. S. The people in Appomattox were very kind and helpful. I doubt that any such people exist any where except in the South. Also I would like to thank you and your state, for preserving such a fine example of earlier life and the final fusion of the two sections of our country. Thank you.

(Editor's Note: Chamber of Commerce president, Roy A. Moon thought this letter was such a compliment to the people of the area it needed to be published. The Chamber of Commerce receives hundreds of inquires a month about the national park, campgrounds, motels, attractions, etc..

Miss Petrie's questions about the old house, "Courtland" were answered in the Feb. 12 issue of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN which has photos and details on the dismantling of the Ferguson home.)

The Pastor Speaks

Washington's Birthday

Text: "As the man, so is his strength" . . . Judges 8:21

Though in many different respects Washington was not different from other men, for he was but a man, and his virtues, common virtures, yet these virtures were so many and so combined as to make a wonderfully rounded character. As Emerson said, "He stood four square to every wind that blew".

Notice several things about Mr. Washington. First of all, he had good home training. A man was asked the secret of his success and replied, "I had a friend". Washington could say, "I had a mother". He believed in hard work. He sought a education and got it. His success was a result of no sudden flash of luck or triumph of genius, but of work.

George Washington was a Christian. He was at one time a member of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C. Another thing, he was a man of modesty. He always felt that his countrymen rated him to high. When chosen Commander-in-Chief of the United Colonies' Army, he ask every gentleman present to remember avowal of his own sense of unfitness. His letters to his wife and family proved his sincerity.

George Washington on one occasion prayed a prayer, not that I go in for recording men's prayers or the reading off of a prayer, but somehow or other by the providence of God the prayer that he prayed was recorded and I feel that at this time of the season, since we are commemorating his birthday as of this past Sunday, we would do well to listen to the words of that prayer. His prayer for the Nation.

"Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou will keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And finally, that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the divine Author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation.

Grant our supplications, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Also, the first President and Father of our Republic from 1732-1799 said, "The people know it is impossible to rightly govern without God and the Bible."

Rev. Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Virginia

THE BEST OF FRIENDS...

THE WORST OF ENEMIES!

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

KEEPING CHANNELS OPEN

Lesson for March 1, 1970

Background Scripture: Joshua 24; Matthew 18:1-20; John 17.
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 42:5-9.

In his book "Dare To Live Now" (Zondervan: Grand Rapids, Mich., 1965), Bruce Larson tells of an experience that happened to him when he began his infantry basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. Going to the mess hall for his first breakfast there, he saw a large bowl of what looked like cream of wheat. Scooping out a large portion, he put it in his bowl and added sugar and cream. A tall boy from the mountains was sitting across from him. Bug-eyed, he exclaimed: "Is that the way you eat grits?"

As a Chicago boy, Larson had heard of grits but he had never seen them until this moment. Rather than appear ignorant, he smiled and answered nonchalantly: "Oh yes, this is how we eat grits in Chicago." The grits tasted horrible to Larson and he noticed that the mountain boy ate his with butter, salt and pepper.

To Protect the First Lie

Several days later, Larson happened to be sitting with the same mountain boy across the table. Again they were served grits and to prop up his initial lie, Larson again put cream and sugar on his bowl. "Somehow," he says, "I managed to eat the mess . . . The whole tragedy of the human predicament is demonstrated in this incident. We do not want to admit our mistakes. We would rather go to hell maintaining our innocence that to say 'I was wrong.'"

This same pretense is often a factor in our relation to God. Though we delight in thinking of ourselves as "his people," still we often respond to him with pretenses because we cannot bring ourselves to admit that we have wrongly done what is wrong. The result is a barrier that we erect between ourselves and God, closing off the flow of his grace to us. It is like taking the phone off the hook: God is still trying to get through to us, but we have clogged the line of communication and help.

An Expensive Bitterness

An illustration of how this may work is found in the experience of a woman who was suffering from an illness which had failed to respond to treatment. She went from doctor to doctor, ever seeking to find a new diagnosis that would give her hope. All the verdicts, however, were the same.

In desperation she went to her pastor and poured out her fears and anxieties to him. He prayed for her and invited her to come again to talk with him. On a subsequent visit, she mentioned an incident in her life that had caused her to become extremely bitter toward someone who had been her close friend. She had nursed a grudge toward that person for many years and it upset her to even speak of it with her pastor.

The minister listened quietly and when she had finished her story, he suggested that it was time she gave up this grudge and forgive her former friend. The woman thought over this counsel and at last determined to do just that. She forgave her friend and dismissed the bitterness from her mind.

The Power of Forgiveness

Before she left his study, the pastor prayed for her healing. As he prayed for her, she experienced a sensation of warmth flooding over her, and with it a wonderful sense of well-being. Several days later, when she went to her doctor, he was amazed to find that the previously "unresponsive" condition had disappeared. The woman was quick to realize that it had been her grudge against her friend that had prevented her healing. Now, free of her grudge, she was also free of her affliction. Forgiveness had opened the channel for healing of body and spirit.

As the people of God, we need to realize that repentence and forgiveness are absolutely essential if we are to keep open the channels of God's grace.

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ONE OUT OF every 80 Americans had a transfusion in 1969, using about six million pints of blood. However, only three million of the 92 million people qualified to donate blood do so each year.

Gifts For Newcomers

Mrs. Ray Noble (right) explained to Mrs. Frazier G (left) that the basket she brought to the Goodwin hom week was not "Red Riding Hood's", but was actua "Hi Neighbor" basket full of coupons good for gifts an counts plus favors from area merchants. It's all a p a get acquainted project by the Delta Zeta Chapter Sigma Phi in cooperation with businessmen. Mr. an Goodwin have four children: Allan, 16, and a junior at Pamela, 12, a 6th grader at AIS; Frazier, Jr., 9, a 3rd er at APS and Gary, 5. Mr. Goodwin works at Balco Wilcox, Lynchburg. He is a retired U. S. Army N Sergeant. The Goodwins have lived in northern and so states and three years in Okinawa, origin of the O dolls and accessories in their home. Mr. Goodwin w Vietnam twice and to Alaska. The Goodwins say they meeting new friends and welcome the opportunity acquainted. For them and numbers of other newcom "Hi Neighbor" coupons and gifts provide a first oppo for sorority members and business places to int themselves.

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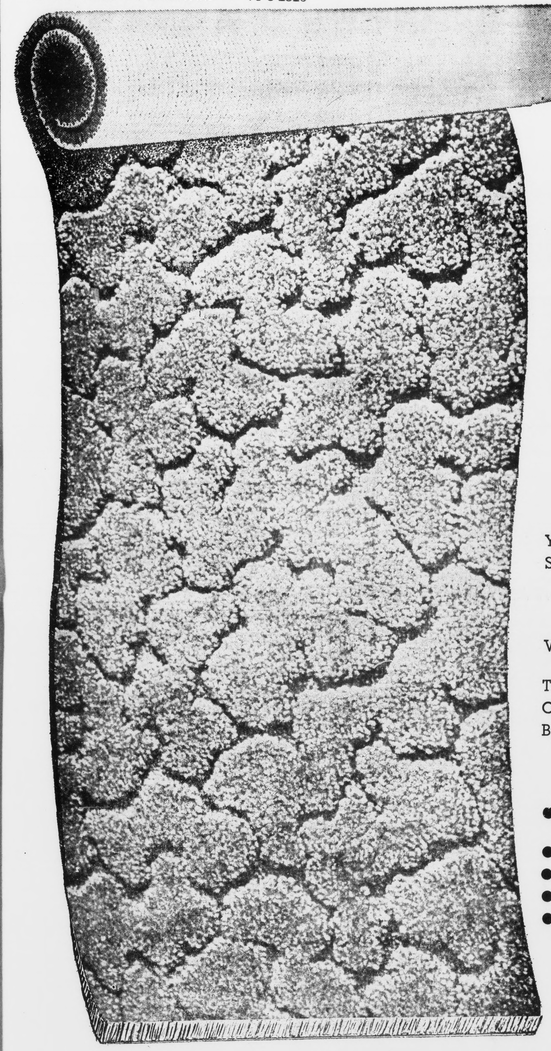

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